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SUBJECT: MTN: TARIFFS GROUP MEETING OCTOBER 14-16, 1975

1. SUMMARY. IN SHORT THREE-SESSION MEETING, ONLY NEW PROPOSALS WERE MADE BY U.S. DELEGATION. OTHER DELS RESTATED OR REFERRED TO THEIR POSITIONS TAKEN AT PAST MEETINGS OF GROUP. U.S. STATEMENT ON TARIFF FORMULA CALLING FOR SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT COMPETITIVE OPPORTUNITIES ELICITED COMMENTS GENERALLY EXPRESSING CONFUSION AND REQUESTING CLARIFICATION. U.S. STATEMENT ON LDC NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE WAS WELCOMED AS FIRST CONCRETE ATTEMPT BY A DC TO DEVELOP SPECIAL MEASURES FOR LDCS. ALTHOUGH RECEIVING LITTLE REAL SUPPORT, CONSENSUS WAS TO REFLECT AND DISCUSS IDEA AT NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 9. END SUMMARY.

2. TARIFF FORMULA. U.S. (MCNAMARA) INDICATED THAT U.S., BECAUSE OF NOT YET COMPLETED DOMESTIC PROCEDURES, DOES NOT EXPECT TO BE READY TO INDICATE ITS PREFERENCES ON A TARIFF FORMULA BEFORE JANUARY 1976. OUR COMMENTS EMPHASIZED THAT TARIFF AND NONTARIFF BARRIER LIBERALIZATION IN THE MTN MUST RESULT IN SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT COMPETITIVE OPPORTUNITIES (ABBREVIATED TO SECO BY SOME MEMBERS OF THE GROUP). U.S. BRIEF STATEMENT CIRCULATED AS MTN DOCUMENT AT REQUEST OF OTHER DELEGATIONS.

3. DELEGATES, IN APPARENT NEED OF SOMETHING TO DISCUSS (SINCE NO ONE HAD PROPOSALS TO PUT FORTH), SEIZED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ON U.S. STATEMENT AS EMBODYING NEW PRINCIPLE OF UNCLEAR MENAING. EC (DUGIMONT) AFTER PRO FORMA ADVOCACY OF EQUALS APPROACH, CALLED SECO A NEW CONCEPT THAT LACKS CLARITY, THOUGHT (INCORRECTLY) PROPOSAL SMELLED OF SCIENTIFIC TARIFF AND QUESTIONED IF U.S. MEANT TO NEGOTIATE ON RELATIVE COSTS OF PRODUCTION AS WELL AS ON TRADE BARRIERS. IT CALLED CONCEPT "STATIC" AND CONCLUDED THAT IT COULD BE INTERPRETED TO MEAN THAT U.S. WAS IN FAVOR

OF FLEXIBLE TARIFFS, AND THAT LOW TARIFF COUNTRIES  
MIGHT NEED TO RAISE TARIFFS TO MEET SECO.

4. JAPAN (UKAWA) COMMENTED THAT U.S. STATEMENT VAGUE  
AND PUZZLING, ASKED WHETHER U.S. WAS PROPOSING ITEM BY  
ITEM TECHNIQUE AND STATED THAT JAPAN FAVORS SUBSTANTIAL  
TARIFF CUTS PLUS HARMONIZATION AND INCREASED BINDINGS.  
CANADA (GREY) PLAYED USUAL POOR LITTLE DEVELOPED  
COUNTRY THEME. IT ALSO DESCRIBED CANADIAN DOMESTIC  
REVIEW PROCEDURES AS LESS FORMAL THAN THOSE IN THE U.S.  
BUT NO LESS DEMANDING AND IMPLIED THAT CANADIAN  
DOMESTIC REVIEW, BECAUSE OF MULTINATIONAL  
CORPORATIONS, IS CLOSELY TIED TO DOMESTIC PROCEDURES  
IN U.S. ONLY NEW NOTE WAS LOW-KEY INDICATION THAT  
CANADA WILLING TO CONSIDER A DEGREE OF HARMONIZATION  
(ALTHOUGH FORMULA SUGGESTED PREVIOUSLY BY CANADA  
ALLOWS FOR HARMONIZATION BY ESTABLISHING A CEILING OF  
20 PERCENT). IT ALSO REPEATED VIEW THAT TARIFFS ON  
PRODUCTS NOT CUT AS A RESULT OF A FLOOR/THRESHOLD  
SHOULD BE TREATED AS EXCEPTIONS. IT OPINED THAT U.S.  
STATEMENT, IF IT IMPLIED EQUAL NOMINAL OR EFFECTIVE  
RATES OF TARIFF PROTECTION, WAS SHEER NONSENSE  
BECAUSE DIFFERING ECONOMIC STRUCTURES COULD MEAN THAT  
A HIGH RATE (EITHER NOMINAL OR EFFECTIVE) IN ONE  
COUNTRY COULD BE NO MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN A LOWER RATE  
IN OTHER COUNTRIES. IT STATED THAT SECO CONCEPT, TO  
HAVE VALIDITY WOULD NEED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT IMPORT/  
CONSUMPTION RATIOS AND SHARE THAT DOMESTIC PRODUCTION  
HAS IN MARKET. IT ASKED WHETHER SECO WAS A PUBLIC  
RELATIONS PRESENTATION, AND THOUGHT GROUP SHOULD NOT  
FOCUS EXCLUSIVELY ON ONE TARIFF CUTTING TECHNIQUE BUT  
THAT A COMBINATION OF SEVERAL TECHNIQUES MIGHT BE  
DESIRABLE.

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5. AUSTRALIA (MOORE-WILTON) INDICATED THAT BECAUSE OF  
DOMESTIC REVIEW PROCESS AUSTRALIA ALSO IN NO  
POSITION BEFORE NEXT YEAR TO MOVE FURTHER ON FORMULA.  
IT SEIZED ON U.S. STATEMENT AS LEADING TO ITEM BY ITEM  
NEGOTIATIONS AND THOUGHT SECO IMPLIED RELATING  
TARIFFS AND NTBS IN MANNER ALREADY SUGGESTED BY  
AUSTRALIA. IT ADDED SECO MIGHT BE WORTH EXPLORING  
BUT ECHOING CANADA, SAID IT MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT  
DIFFERENCES IN ECONOMIC SIZE.

6. NORDICS (COLLIANDER) REPEATED SUPPORT FOR OUTLINE  
OF EC HARMONIZATION FORMULA BUT THOUGHT MODIFICATIONS  
WOULD BE NECESSARY. NORDICS WANT SIMPLE FORMULA,  
LEADING TO HARMONIZATION AND A REDUCTION OF TARIFF

ESCALATION.

7. SEVERAL LDC'S (EGYPT, ARGENTINA, INDIA) COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON SECO INTERPRETING IT IN THE LIGHT OF THEIR UNEQUAL COMPETITIVE OPPORTUNITIES TO MEAN THAT THEY SHOULD OBTAIN "MORE FAVORABLE COMPETITIVE OPPORTUNITIES." DESPITE REQUESTS BY SOME COUNTRIES AND THE CHAIR (PATTERSON), U.S. RESISTED EFFORTS TO ELABORATE ON U.S. STATEMENT.

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8. LDC PROCEDURES AND TREATMENT. IDSCUSSION ON SPECIAL TREATMENT AND SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES EVOLVED AROUND TWO IDEAS, ONE, FOR A JOINT NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE, OUTLINED BY THE U.S., AND A SECOND FOR AGREEMENT ON BASIC PRINCIPLES OF DIFFERENTIATED TREATMENT PROPOSED BY BRAZIL.

9. BRAZIL (BARTHEL-ROSA) SUGGESTED A TWO STAGE PROCEDURE IN WHICH FIRST STAGE WOULD BE MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT ON SPECIAL MEASURES AND PROCEDURES TO ENSURE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OBTAIN ADDITIONAL TRADE BENEFITS FROM MTN. THESE MEASURES WOULD INCLUDE DEEPER THAN MFN CUTS AND ADVANCE IMPLEMENTATION ON PRODUCTS OF INTEREST TO LDCS, IMPROVEMENT AND ENLARGEMENT OF GSP, AND DECREASED TARIFF ESCALATION. THIS AGREEMENT WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY A SECOND STAGE WHEREBY LDCS WOULD SUBMIT LISTS OF PRODUCTS TO WHICH THESE PRINCIPLES COULD BE APPLIED. DCS WOULD THEN INDICATE WHICH PRODUCTS ON THIS LIST THEY INTENDED TO EXCEPT FROM CONCESSIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS ON THESE EXCEPTIONS WOULD BE UNDERTAKEN.

10. U.S. PRESENTED, AS IDEA FOR GROUP DISCUSSION, CONCEPT OF A SPECIAL PROCEDURE CONSISTING OF A JOINT NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE OF PRODUCTS OF INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN DC MARKETS AND DEVELOPED COUNTRY NOTIFICATION ON PRODUCTS ON WHICH LDCS COULD MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE NEGOTIATIONS. U.S.

STATEMENT WAS WELCOMED BY A NUMBER OF LDC DELEGATES  
AS FIRST POSITIVE EFFORT BY DEVELOPED COUNTRY TO  
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PUT SPECIFIC CONTENT TO SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR  
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, LDCS THEN VOICED  
DOUBTS OVER JOINT NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE WITHOUT  
PRIOR AGREEMENT ON PRINCIPLES FOR DIFFERENTIATED  
TREATMENT, ATTACKED JOINT ASPECT OF PROCEDURE AS  
CONTRARY TO THEIR CONCEPT OF TOKYO DECLARATION  
PRINCIPLES OF NONRECIPTOCITY, AND THOUGHT ITEM BY ITEM  
NOTIFICATION MUST AWAIT DEVELOPMENT OF GENERAL  
PROCEDURES. BRAZIL THEN PUSHED FOR GROUP AGREEMENT  
THAT SPECIAL PROCEDURES AND DIFFERENTIATED TREATMENT  
FOR LDCS SHOULD BE AGREED BY GROUP PRIOR TO OR IN  
CONJUNCTION WITH AGREEMENT ON A GENERAL TARIFF CUTTING  
HYPOTHESIS.

11. EC THOUGH IT TOO EARLY TO TAKE A POSITION ON  
SPECIAL PROCEDURES, BUT SUPPORTED BRAZIL CONTENTION  
THAT PRINCIPLES FOR SPECIAL TREATMENT SHOULD BE  
AGREED UPON NO LATER THAN AGREEMENT ON TARIFF CUTTING  
FORMULA. U.S. INTERVENED, TO KEEP CHAIRMAN FROM  
DECLARING THAT GROUP HAD AGREED TO THIS CONCEPT,  
AND THE MATTER WAS REFERRED TO NEXT MEETING OF  
THE GROUP.

12. NORDICS (COLLIANDER) SUPPORTED U.S. NOTIFICA-  
TION IDEA BUT PREFERRED ONE WAY LDC-DC NOTIFICATION  
AND INDICATION OF TYPE OF TARIFF TREATMENT DESIRED  
(GSP, MFN, ETC.).

13. INDIA (CHADHA) RAISED MFN-GSP QUESTION AND  
SAID THAT DISCUSSION HAS BEEN TOO ACADEMIC. NOTING  
THAT U.S. STATEMENT USED WORD NOTIFICATION RATHER  
THAN REQUESTS AND OFFERS, IT THOUGHT EVENTUAL  
SPECIAL OFFER AND REQUEST PROCEDURE SHOULD ALLOW FOR  
REQUESTS OF REDUCTIONS LESS THAN THOSE PROVIDED BY THE  
FORMULA. THAT IS, ON ITEMS OF LDC INTEREST MFN CUTS  
COULD BE LESS THAN FORMULA CUTS IF NEEDED IN ORDER TO  
MAINTAIN PREFERENCE MARGINS. IT OUTLINED THE EVOLUTION  
OF A THREE TIER TARIFF SYSTEM, WITH GSP RATES AT ZERO,  
MFN RATES, AND A MIDDLE BOUND PREFERENTIAL RATE  
(I.E. RATES RESULTING FROM APPLICATION OF DIFFERENTIAL  
L FACTOR) AND PROPOSED THAT WIDER USE SHOULD BE MADE OF  
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EX-OUTS IN TARIFF LINES AS ONE WAY OF GIVING SPECIAL TREATMENT TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT COST TO DCS. CHADHA ALSO REFERRED TO PARA 5 OF TOKYO DECLARATION STATING THAT LDCS WOULD ONLY OFFER TARIFF CUTS WHICH WERE CONSISTENT WITH THEIR DEVELOPMENT NEEDS.

14. CANADA EQUIVOCATED BY SAYING THAT ALL IDEAS FOR SPECIAL TREATMENT HAD MERITS AND COULD BE APPLIED BUT CANADA COULDN'T AGREE IN PRINCIPLE AT THIS TIME. CANADIANS LATER EXPLAINED OT US PRIVATELY THAT IT MEANT THAT IT WOULD PREFER TO CONSIDER PRINCIPLES ON A PRODUCT BASIS, RATHER THAN AGREEMENT ON GENERAL PRINCIPLES.

15. AUSTRALIANS RELATED U.S. APPROACH TO THAT TAKEN IN TROPICAL PRODUCTS AND SAW IT LEADING TO EXCESSIVELY TIME CONSUMING BILATERAL ITEM BY ITEM NEGOTIATIONS. SWISS, IN FUZZY ATTEMPT TO SYNTHESIS, THOUGH BOTH BRAZILIAN AND U.S. APPROACH HAD MERITS AND SHOULD BE USED SIMULTANEOUSLY IN SUCCESSIVE APPROXIMATIONS. JAPAN WANTED TO REFLECT ON U.S. INITIATIVE.

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16. EGYPT, PAKISTAN, AND ARGENTINA ALSO SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF BRAZILIAN APPROACH WHILE PRAISING U.S. INITIATIVE. EGYPT ALSO PROPOSED THAT GATT SECRETARIAT UNDERTAKE STUDY OF EFFECTIVE TARIFF PROTECTION ON PRODUCTS OR SECTORS OF INTEREST TO LDCS BUT SECRETARIAT CITED DATA DIFFICULTIES AND SUGGESTED FEASIBILITY STUDY WHICH GROUP ACCEPTED. PAKISTAN PROPOSED THAT LDCS NOTIFY SECRETARIAT OF PRODUCTS IN WHICH THEY WERE INTERESTED WITH SECRETARIAT TO ESTABLISH AGGREGATE LIST OF PRODUCTS OF INTEREST TO LDCS.

17. EXCEPTIONS. EXCEPT FOR REFERENCES IN GENERAL DISCUSSION ON TARIFF FORMULA, THERE WAS NO SPECIFIC DISCUSSION OF THIS AGENDA ITEM.



18. BASE RATES:BASE DATE. U.S. INDICATED BILATERAL CLARIFICATION SESSIONS PROCEEDING, JAPAN REFERRED TO PREVIOUS POSITION, CANADA SAID BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS SHOWED NO PROBLEM, AND EC CRITICIZED LACK OF DETAIL IN EXPLANATORY NOTES ON TARIFF SYSTEMS SUBMITTED FOR TARIFF RATE INFORMATION FILE. EC PROPOSED SECRETARIAT DEVISE SYNOPSIS TABLE OF HOW TARIFFS ARE SET AND CHANGED, WHICH AUSTRALIA OPPOSED AND ASKED EC TO SUBMIT WRITTEN REQUEST FOR IMPROVING EXPLANATORY TARIFF NOTES.

19. FOB/CIF. U.S. PRESENTED MOST DETAILED DESCRIPTION TO DATE OF FOB/CIF DIFFERENCES AND SEVERAL WAYS DIFFERENCES COULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT AT INDIVIDUAL TARIFF LINE, INCLUDING THE ADDITION OF AN ADJUSTMENT FACTOR WHICH WOULD VARY ON A LINE BASIS TO ANY AGREED TARIFF CUTTING HYPOTHESIS. CONCEPT RECEIVED SUPPORT FROM FOB COUNTRIES WITH EXCEPTION OF AUSTRALIA (WHICH DID NOT COMMENT), LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALTHOUGH CANADA RAISED NUMBER OF SIGNIFICANT QUESTIONS. THESE INCLUDED QUESTIONS OF FREIGHT RATE DIFFERENTIALS, WHETHER U.S. HAD INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY ADJUSTMENT FACTORS, APPLICATION OF U.S. FACTORS BY OTHER FOB NATIONS WHERE SUFFICIENT STATISTICS NOT AVAILABLE. EC ECHOED SOME OF CANADIANS' TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, POINTED OUT THAT CIF COUNTRIES, FOR LACK OF FOB STATISTICS, WOULD FIND IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO MAKE THE ADJUSTMENT RATHER THAN FOB COUNTRIES, BUT DID NOT QUESTION PRINCIPLE THAT FOB/CIF DIFFERENCES NEEDED TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN ASSESSING RECIPROCITY. ISRAEL, IN INTERESTING INTERVENTION, POINTED OUT THAT FOB VALUATION SYSTEMS FAVOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (BECAUSE FOB DOESN'T DISCRIMINATE AGAINST DISTANT EXPORTING COUNTRIES) AND THAT FOB COUNTRIES SHOULD NOT BE PENALIZED FOR GRANTING DIFFERENTIATED TREATMENT TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

20. LINK WITH NONTARIFF MEASURES. AUSTRALIA SUMMARIZED DEVELOPMENTS IN NTM GROUP ON THIS QUESTION AND WANTED ITEM KEPT ON THE AGENDA FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION.

21. UNIT OF REFERENCE. TO EC'S EMBARRASSMENT AND OUR SURPRISE, CHAIRMAN RAISED QUESTION OF UNIT OF REFERENCE. EC REFUSED TO PURSUE QUESTION, NOTING THAT IT HAD BEEN AGREED IN JULY MEETING THAT ANY DELEGATION COULD RAISE THAT QUESTION IN THE FUTURE. HOWEVER, HE ALSO NOTED THAT EC STATISTICS ON SUBMISSION OF 1972 TRADE TAPE TO GATT ARE IN TERMS OF EUR UNITS (EUROPEAN UNIT OF ACCOUNT).

22. SYSTEM FOR EVALUATION OF FORMULA CUTS ON LDCS. GROUP AGREED THAT SECRETARIAT SHOULD CONTINUE BILATERAL DISCUSSION ON OUTLINE OF SYSTEM (GATT MTN/TAR/W/8 DATED 10 OCTOBER).

23. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING. GROUP AGREED TO WEEK OF FEBRUARY 9, 1976.

24. CHAIRMAN'S SUMMING UP. CHAIRMAN (PATTERSON) NOTED THAT FORMAL SUMMING WAS NECESSARY WHERE GROUP HAD TAKEN DECISIONS. SINCE GROUP HAD ONLY AGREED TO REVERT TO QUESTIONS ON THE AGENDA AT THE NEXT MEETING, HE PROPOSED THAT CHAIRMAN ISSUE A NOTE ON THE TARIFFS GROUP MEETING WHICH HE READ TO THE GROUP (SEE SEPTTEL).

25. COMMENTS. IT APPEARED TO US NO OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRY DELEGATIONS WERE PREPARED TO GO BEYOND PREVIOUS STATEMENTS ON AGENDA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ITEMS. DESPITE PRIOR INDICATION THAT U.S. COULD NOT SAY MUCH BEFORE JANUARY OF NEXT YEAR, MOST DELEGATES TRIED TO READ SIGNIFICANCE THAT WASN'T THERE INTO U.S. STATEMENT ON SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT COMPETITIVE OPPORTUNITIES. BY END OF THE DISCUSSION ON TARIFF CUTTING HYPOTHESIS MOST DELS HAD SUCCEEDED IN CLOUDING THE QUESTION SUFFICIENTLY SO THAT FURTHER STATEMENT BY U.S. WOULD HAVE SERVED NO USEFUL PURPOSE. WE WERE ENCOURAGED BY BUSINESS-LIKE APPROACH AND ABSENCE OF SHRILLNESS BY LDCS. WHILE REPEATING DEMANDS FOR PRIORITY AND PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT IN ALL ASPECTS OF TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS AND CONCERNS OVER EROSION OF GSP, THEY RECOGNIZED THAT SOME OF THEIR DEMANDS COULD NOT BE MET AND SEEMED PREPARED TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER MFN TARIFF MEASURES WHICH FAVORED THEM. WE ATTRIBUTE THIS PARTLY TO U.S. SUGGESTION OF SPECIAL NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE (AND EXTENSIVE BILATERAL PREPARATION), WHICH, ALTHOUGH NOT ACCEPTABLE IN ITS PRESENT FORM TO EITHER DEVELOPING OR DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, ESTABLISHED POSITIVE TONE AND HELPED TO DIRECT DISCUSSION. SEVERAL COUNTRIES VOICED EXPECTATIONS, BASED ON OUR INDICATION THAT U.S. WOULD NOT BE READY TO INDICATE POSITION OF FORMULA UNTIL AFTER THE NEW YEAR, THAT MEANINGFUL U.S. STATEMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS WOULD BE FORTHCOMING IN FEBRUARY. CULBERT

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